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1. SUMMARY: EXPOSITION OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN GEISEL'S MESSAGE CENTERED ON TWO THEMES: A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE NEW DIALOGUE AND A MORE EXTENSIVE TREATMENT OF THE TRADE DIFFICULTIES. KEY PASSAGE IN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT STATES MULTIPLICATION OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES, WHICH PREJUDICE IN A DIRECT MANNER THE TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, MAY ERODE THE FOUNDATIONS OF RELATIONS INCLUDING PUBLIC OPINION, BETWEEN THEM. THE MESSAGE DOESNOT CONTAIN ANY OTHER EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO THE U.S. END SUMMARY:

2. REFERENCES TO RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WERE CONTAINED IN A MUCH LONGER CHAPTER ON FOREIGN POLICY WHOSE THEMES WERE THE DETERIORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, EFFORTS TO EXPAND BRAZIL'S FOREIGN TRADE, EMPHASIS ON RELATIONS IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEMISPHERE, AND THE DIVERSIFICATION OF BRAZIL'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

3. ON THE NEW DIALOGUE, THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMS ITS SIGNIFICANCE, PLEDGING BRAZIL'S CONTINUED SUPPORT. BEGIN QUOTE: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT SOUGHT TO EXPAND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION, IN THE WAKE OF THE INITITIATIVE OF THE SO-CALLED "NEW DIALOGUE", AND TO PRESS FOR THE CREATION OF GROUPS TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE CONDUCT OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION. END QUOTE.

4. RE US:BRAZILIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TOUCHES ON FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND EFFORTS TO SOLVE DIFFERENCES, BUT FOCUSES ON GROWING PROBLEMS IN US/BRAZILIAN TRADE RELATIONS AND THEIR SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR TRADTIONAL US/BRAZILIAN TIES. BEGIN QUOTE: THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND EXCHANGE WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AND STRENGTHENED. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING THE GENERAL LINES OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY, SOUGHT TO EXPLORE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN ITS POSITIONS AND THE U.S.'S, AT THE SAME TIME AS IT SOUGHT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. TO FIND SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS IN THE CONTROVERSIAL AREAS. BRAZIL REGARDS THE PROBLEMS WHICH EXIST, PRIMARILY IN THE FIELD OF TRADE. WITH GRAVITY BUT WITH A SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE, KNOWING THAT IT IS IN HER INTEREST TO PRACTICE A SOBER AND REALISTIC POLICY FREE FROM THE FATALISM OF AUTOMATIC OR PRECONCEIVED ALIGNMENTS. AT THE OPPORTUNE OCCASIONS, IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IN THE APPROPRIATE FORA, THE GREATEST CARE WAS TAKENTO MANIFEST BRAZILIAN CONCERN WITH THE ADOPTION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF CERTAIN TRADE PRACTICES, BE THEY THE RESULT OF AD HOC DECISIONS OR INTERNAL LAWS. ABOVE ALL, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MILTIPLICATION OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES, DIRECTLY PREJUDICIAL TO TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, MAY WEAKEN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RELATIONS INCLUDING PUBLIC OPINION, BETWEEN THEM. END QUOTE. **CRIMMINS**

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